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SUBJECT: FEB. 22 COMMENTARY, NYTIMES, BY JUAN DE ONIS  
ENTITLED, "KISSINGER'S LATIN TRIP: BETTER NEVER THAN LATE?"

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMENTARY BY ONIS IN SUNDAY  
NEW YORK TIMES ON SECRETARY'S LATIN AMERICA VISIT.

BEGIN TEXT:

"CARACAS -- AFTER SEVERAL EMBARRASSING DELAYS, SECRETARY  
OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER HAS KEPT HIS PROMISE TO VISIT  
LATIN AMERICA. BUT IT SEEMS TOO LATE FOR HIS DIPLOMATIC  
'MAGIC' TO HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

"WHAT MR. KISSINGER SAID IN PUBLIC AND IN HIS PRIVATE  
TALKS HAS NOT ADDED ANYTHING NEW IN SUBSTANCE TO UNITED  
STATES POLICY. HE WAS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH  
REASSURING THE LATIN AMERICANS THAT THE UNITED STATES  
STILL FEELS A 'SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP' TOWARDS THIS  
REGION, AND IN OVERCOMING FEELINGS OF NEGLECT AND  
SUSPICION TOWARD WASHINGTON'S INTENTIONS. ON THE ONE SIDE,  
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HE WAS TRYING TO RESOLVE BILATERAL CONFLICTS.

"BUT MR. KISSINGER'S LATIN AMERICAN HOSTS ALL FEEL THAT HE IS POLITICALLY DIMINISHED AT HOME IN A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR IN TERMS OF INITIATIVES IN FOREIGN POLICY.

"IT WAS A GOOD SPEECH, BUT IT SHOULD HAVE COME AT THE START OF AN ADMINISTRATION, NOT AT THE END,' SAID A VENEZUELAN OFFICIAL AFTER LISTENING TO MR. KISSINGER DEVELOP HIS IDEAS ON A NEW 'MODERN RELATIONSHIP' BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS.

"IN VENEZUELA, MR. KISSINGER SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES ARRANGEMENTS THAT THE LATIN AMERICANS MAKE AMONG THEMSELVES TO DEVELOP A STRONGER 'REGIONAL IDENTITY' IF THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE 'CONFRONTATIONS' WITH THE UNITED STATES.

"THISCOMFORTED PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, WHOSE GOVERNMENT HAS JUST DECLARED ITS 'ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE' BY NATIONALIZING THE FOREIGN-OWNED OIL COMPANIES, MAINLY AMERICAN, WITH \$1 BILLION IN COMPENSATION TO THE OWNERS PAID FROM VENEZUELA'S PETRODOLLAR SURPLUS.

"VENEZUELA HAS CHAMPIONED THE FORMATION OF A NEW REGIONAL GROUPING, WHICH INCLUDES CUBA, THAT CALLS ITSELF THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO GIVE THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION MORE LEVERAGE IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, AND TO PROMOTE A COMMON MARKET.

"THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSISTENTLY BACKED LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. PRESIDENT JOHNSON PLEDGED UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR A COMMON MARKET DURING A MEETING OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS IN 1967. BUT THE LATINOS DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH AND THE VIETNAM WAR ENGULFED THE UNITED STATES.

"MR. KISSINGER'S OWN ATTENTION TO INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS HAS ALSO BEEN AFFECTED BY CRISES IN OTHER AREAS. TWO EARLIER TRIPS HAD TO BE CALLED OFF BECAUSE OF THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS IN 1974 AND THE COLLAPSE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTH VIETNAM LAST YEAR.

"TYPICAL OF THE KIND OF DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE NOT ENGAGED MR. KISSINGER PREVIOUSLY WAS THE SITUATION IN PERU, WHERE A NATIONALIST MILITARY JUNTA SEIZED THE AMERICAN-OWNED MARCONA IRON MINES LAST YEAR, WITHOUT AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION. UNLESS AN AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION IS REACHED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH,

UNITED STATES LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT ECONOMIC AND

MILITARY AID BE CUT OFF. MR. KISSINGER, IN INCLUDING PERU ON HIS TOUR, HAS WANTED TO SHOW UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE SOCIAL REFORMS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE PERUVIAN MILITARY, AND SOUGHT TO ADVANCE A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT.

"MR. KISSINGER SAID WASHINGTON WAS READY TO DISCUSS WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM OR IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, OR IN ANY OTHER FORUM CHOSEN BY THE LATINS A 'CODE OF CONDUCT' FOR TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES, SUCH AS THE BIG NORTH AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES THAT REPRESENT \$14 BILLION IN INVESTMENT IN LATIN AMERICA.

"IN BRAZIL, MR. KISSINGER TALKED ABOUT 'GLOBAL INTER-DEPENDENCE' AND WELCOMED BRAZIL, INDIVIDUALLY, AND LATIN AMERICA AS A REGION INTO THE INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW 'ECONOMIC ORDER' BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

"COMMUNIST SUBVERSION WAS AN UNAVOIDABLE THEME IN MR. KISSINGER'S TALKS. HE ISSUED A CLEAR WARNING TO CUBA AGAINST 'EXPORT OF REVOLUTION.' IN BRAZIL, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE FIRST GOVERNMENTS TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, MR. KISSINGER SAID THE UNITED STATES DID NOT OBJECT TO CUBA SUPPORTING 'ANYONE IT WANTS TO IDEOLOGICALLY OR POLITICALLY,' BUT NOT WITH TROOPS AND SOVIET ARMS.

"THE MESSAGE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT 'STAND IDLE' IF CUBA REPEATS AN ANGOLAN EXERCISE ELSEWHERE, AND A UNCLASSIFIED

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STRONG REASSERTION OF WASHINGTON'S COMMITMENT TO THE RIO TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE TO DEFEND LATIN AMERICA AGAINST EXTERNAL INTERVENTION AND SUBVERSION, WAS INTENDED PRIMARILY TO REASSURE THE SMALL CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES, WORRIED BY THE POWER OF CUBAN ARMS.

"THE GOVERNMENT LEADERS WITH WHOM MR. KISSINGER MET IN VENEZUELA, PERU AND BRAZIL, AND WHOM HE WILL VISIT IN COLOMBIA AND CENTRAL AMERICA THIS WEEK, WERE PLEASED TO HAVE HIS UNDIVIDED ATTENTION FOR A REVIEW OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

THERE WERE NOTICEABLE GAPS IN MR. KISSINGER'S ITINERARY. HE DID NOT VISIT ARGENTINA, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT OF

PRESIDENT ISABEL MARTINEZ DE PERON IS IN SUCH  
CRISIS THAT NO USEFUL TALKS SEEMED POSSIBLE. HE ALSO  
SHUNNED CHILE, WHERE THE CHARGES OF VIOLATIONS OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE MILITARY REGIME LED TO THE VOTE IN  
THE SENATE LAST WEEK TO SUSPEND ARMS SALES TO CHILE."

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